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OUR SCHOOLS.

In the case of Francis L. Cardozo, Judge A. M. Gould, in Equity Court last Tuesday morning, dismissed his bill with the reminder that it had no business in that court. The Bee, it will be remembered, stated in its issue of last week that the last move of Cardozo was a subterfuge, that the defense saw its doom and the injunction proceedings was a move for more time. The Board of Education should now act. Mr. Cardozo deserves no consideration at its hands. He had every opportunity to redeem himself with the entire school authorities. The Bee has the highest respect for the attorneys for the defense, Messrs. Davis and Cobb, who are no doubt conscientious in their defense for the accused teacher.

The Bee doesn't believe, and neither do the people, that any member of the Board of Education has any prejudice against Cardozo or any personal feeling in the matter. Prof. Clark in his testimony before the Senate Committee declared that he was not offered another position in the schools and Mrs. Cooper made a similar statement. Prof. Clark, for whom The Bee has the highest respect, stated to its Editor that he had been offered another place, and the Bee is confident that Captain Oyster offered or asked Mrs. Cooper to accept another place. Certainly neither Mrs. Cooper nor Mr. Clark can hope for any consideration from the Board of Education. Dr. Atwood, against whom a great deal of adverse criticism was made, has been fair and liberal. There may have been one technical error committed by the Board of Education, and only one. The schools needed a man at their head like Dr. Chancellor and it is firmly believed if he is given an opportunity he will give the people such a school system that will reflect credit upon the city. But if the Board of Education and the superintendent are to permit every violator of the school discipline to do as he pleases the public school system might as well be abolished. What has Mr. Cardozo gained? It is true that he has created a great deal of talk and some delay. His action at this time, if it has not before, will justify his prompt removal for the good of the service. There have been introduced in Congress several school bills by different members. One of the bills which has the approval of the superintendent is no doubt a good one. No one knows the condition of the schools better than the present Board of Education and it ought to have the support of the people.

JUDGE GOULD'S DECISION.

When Justice A. M. Gould rendered his decision in the Cardozo case Tuesday afternoon he took occasion to commend the work of the Board of Education, which was right and just. The disgruntled element in this city that is criticizing the Board, as Judge Gould stated, should commend the members of the Board who are giving their time to the people without compensation. These members are not paid a cent for the sacrifices they are making for the benefit of the people. The taxpayers and those who are interested in the

schools of this city are not in sympathy with those who are continually attacking the Board of Education. Judge Gould's decision meets the hearty approval of the citizens of this city. It is true and it cannot be denied that the members of the Board of Education have been grossly misrepresented. The decision of Justice Gould will be sustained by the Court of Appeals and The Bee states now as it stated last week, that the defense in this case is committing grave blunders.

The attempt on the part of those who are prejudiced cannot show one element of color prejudice. The case was decided on its merits which involved certain legal questions and nothing more. The Bee congratulates Assistant United States Attorney McNamara. He made a strong legal argument which could not be overcome by the brilliant oratory of the defense's counsel. The defense might as well give up its attempt to evade a trial, because the Board is more determined than ever to complete the investigation, no matter how many courts to which the defense may appeal. This decision should cool the ardor of the defense at least.

IS IT HIS CLOOR?

President Roosevelt in the heat of passion declared that he intended to appoint an Ohio colored Republican Collector of Customs or Surveyor in the Cleveland (Ohio) District, represented by Senator Foraker. The President further said that he was not opposed to the Negro on account of his color. After he made this declaration a howl came up from the North which was universal, to the effect that the appointment of a Negro collector would not only be objectionable to Republicans, but to the Democrats as well. The President immediately backed water and has decided that he will not appoint a Negro collector in the Cleveland District, because such appointment would be objectionable to the good (?) white people of Ohio. Now if the President is sincere and meant what he said, that he was not opposed to the Negro on account of his color, what difference would it make to him if the white people of Ohio opposed the appointment of a colored man? The Bee would suggest to the President to cease making these flimsy political breaks, because the colored voter has fully made up his mind as to what he intends to do, no matter what the Administration does for him. It is not believed that the people in the North are opposed to the colored man, that is, all of them. There are some good people in the South among the friends of the colored man, and it is quite evident that the colored Americans are not without friends. Will the President explain?

REGISTER VERNON.

The banquet tendered to Register W. T. Vernon Wednesday evening, January 30, was one that will long be remembered. Rev. Lampton, who was one of the prime movers, was taken sick from the beginning, which prevented him from taking any part at all. But Rev. O. W. J. Scott, pastor of the Metropolitan Church, ably filled his place in every particular, and his welcoming address, which was to have been delivered by Rev. Lampton, was eloquent and timely. Dr. Scott is a smooth talker as well as an entertaining speaker. It was a gathering of young blood and brilliant minds. The address of Register Vernon was interesting, and at its conclusion he was vigorously applauded. Mr. Vernon is growing more popular each day he lives. The people welcome him wherever he goes, and the reception tendered him last week is an evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the representatives of the race. Every speech delivered was enthusiastically applauded.

There are too many bosses in and around the Police Court.

The decision of Judge Gould will cool the ardor of the school disgruntlers.

The Jamestown Colored Exposition Building is in course of erection.

An investigation of the structure

of the Police Court would explain matters.

What blunders have the Board of Education made of which the disgruntlers complain?

Will the Chief of Police explain why he opposes thirty days' leave for his officers?

The Lily White Social Club has been buried. The members have become disgusted with themselves.

The Colored Citizens' Committee is composed of a chairman, secretary, treasurer, and sergeant-at-arms. But where are the citizens?

A DINNER PARTY.

From the Savannah Tribune.
Mr. and Mrs. Tby Lloyd entertained a congenial party of friends at a very charming party on Sunday last in honor of their third wedding anniversary at their home, No. 2013 Harden street. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bolen, Miss Willie Lewis, of Washington, D. C., Miss Josie Adams of Gainesville, Fla., Miss Carrie Gibbs, Mr. St. L. Ponder and Mr. James A. Monroe.

From the Forum.

The Chicago Conservator makes a "muss" trying to belittle Washington and then trying to retreat imperceptibly. The Bee seems to have struck the pessimistic Windy City journal below the belt, and our dear old French and Wilkins have not rallied.

BREATHES HIS LAST.

From the Arizona Republican.
The death in this city yesterday of Mr. William R. Baker, the pianist, removed a young man who by his genial manner and gentlemanly demeanor had made for himself a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He came to Phoenix about a year ago in the hope that the climate might renew his failing health, and soon after reaching here he disclosed his splendid talent for music, culminating in an arrangement by which he was given complete charge of the musical part of the program of the Elks' annual entertainment here last March. The community well remembers how splendidly the delicate young man performed his part on that occasion.

Mr. Baker was born in Columbus, Miss., in April, 1874, and was educated in the grammar schools of his native town and in Indiana, and at Howard University, in Washington, D. C. He early disclosed a talent for music, and the pursuit of this talent became the master passion of his life.

While his specialty was piano playing, he also accomplished much in the line of composition and transposition of music, and the popular ballad "Alma," sung for the first in this city at the Elks' entertainment, attests the cleverness of his skill as a composer. His affable manner and generous nature drew to him many friends in this community who will feel a genuine sorrow over his taking off. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. James Washington of the A. M. E. Church, at the parlor of Mr. Merryman's undertaking establishment, 114 West Adams street, at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, after which the remains will be taken by his family to Jeffersonville, Indiana, for interment in the family burial lot.

Shortly before his death his brother, Henry E. Baker, of Washington, an examiner of the Patent Office, arrived in the city and was with him to the end. Mr. Baker has been connected with the Patent Office for several years. In addition to his official duties Mr. Baker is engaged in the preparation of a work setting forth the accomplishments of the colored inventors of the United States.

THE UNIVERSITY RECORD.

Howard University Record is a beautiful and unique magazine, published under the personal supervision of that able and distinguished President, Rev. Wilbur Patterson Thirkield. The Record, typographically, is perfect. The composition is a description of the University and its grounds, with fine cuts of the president and the deans of the several departments. The Record should be in the homes of all Americans, because it gives a full history and description of America's greatest institution.

ADDED TO THE BEE.

Mr. Ludington C. Chambers, formerly connected with the Blue Ribbon Magazine, has been added to the business staff of The Bee. Mr. Chambers is not only a business hustler but a social rounder who will be more than pleased to receive social news, advertisements, subscriptions or anything in connection with this paper. Any favors shown him will be appreciated by the management.

OPEN LETTER

To Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States:

Mr. President, I shall endeavor in my open letter to you, to discuss the policies that you have adopted in a gentlemanly and fair manner or in a manner that becomes the dignity of the high office to which the American people have elected you. Notwithstanding the fact that you are President of the United States you are not infallible and neither are you perfect any more so than any other public servant. The office you hold does not immunize you from public criticism any more than any other public official. You now threaten to appoint Ohio colored men to office in the district that is represented by the distinguished Senator from Ohio, Senator J. B. Foraker. I want to tell you that no matter how many colored men you appoint to office in the North, they will not change the opinion of the colored Americans towards you. You have declared that "all coons look alike to you," hence the appointment of any will not change the sentiment of those who have already formed or expressed an opinion of you. The colored Americans will regard any future act of yours as being actuated by malice and a resentment against the man whom they regard as their friend, and such appointments will only tend to create strife against a people who have been loyal to a republic whose emblem is Equality of Citizenship.

The future acts of the colored American voters will be guided by future conditions. If a man in the Republican party is nominated acceptable to them they will loyally support and vote for that man. You cannot convince the colored voters that you are their friend by insulting their friend. They know that Senator Foraker has defended them against your unwarrantable attacks. They also know that this sudden change of front has no real foundation to it. Why did you not do this before? Why did you wait until Senator Foraker took up the cause of the soldier? Now, Mr. President, if you were anxious to show your friendship for the colored Americans, why didn't you take up their cause when you toured the South last year? Why didn't you tell the South of the revised constitutions that disfranchised so many thousands of your fellow citizens? What benefit are two or three public officers to them? While you are caring for three colored men by appointing them to office, simply to show the race that you are not prejudiced, permitting thousands to be disfranchised will be no incentive to restore confidence. The time for you to show your sincerity was when the Southern States disfranchised those who stood by you. Do you think now that the colored Americans would desert Senator Foraker? What would you think of their gratitude? Your Democratic friend, from Tennessee, Senator Carmack, would have the colored race to call you blessed because you invited Mr. Washington to the White House. Do you expect the colored race to live alone on that? Do you think that the colored man should overlook all of your faults, attacks and discriminations against him for this one social act on your part? What the colored man wants is protection of his civil and political rights. He doesn't want you to presume that he is easily satisfied by promises and honeyed words.

Why did you come to such a sudden halt on the "door of hope" policy? The Indian colored voters have had no recognition. The colored Republicans in Pennsylvania have been ignored. What have you done for the Maryland colored voters? You have ignored the State of Illinois. All of these things the colored voters are considering. You can't undo what you have done. In the District of Columbia you have completely ignored the colored Republicans. You permit the gravest discrimination in the departments under your supervision. Why are these discriminations permitted to exist? Why do you permit colored employees to be discriminated against in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing? The most flagrant acts of discrimination exist in the Census Office. Former administrations did not permit this. I shall be glad when the day comes that the color of a man's skin will not be a bar to his admission in the departments of the general government. What right has the government to discriminate against its fellow citizens? I see that you are about to have war with Japan. You are taking more interest in the Japanese school question than you are in the entire colored race. If the colored Americans know how to pray like the Japanese, conditions would be different, wouldn't they? The Japanese take whatever is in sight and the Americans will not attempt to take it from them but they endeavor to compete with the yellow peril. Power is a great thing, isn't it, Mr. President. Bravery is respected everywhere and by everybody. The Japs demand respect and when you refuse, something is doing. In concluding this letter, Mr. President, permit me to call your attention to your recent declaration and to impress upon you not to take any hasty steps in appointing colored Republicans in Ohio before

consulting the Senators. You will strike a snag. Great fighters come from this State, hence it would be well for you to seriously consider what you do before doing it.

Yours,
THE EDITOR.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

We admire the Catholic Church and those connected with it. These Christian workers seem to do all in their power for fallen humanity, regardless of color or condition. We have in this city two colored Catholic churches. The pastors at these churches are men of honor. The St. Augustine Church is presided over by Rev. Paul Griffith, who is more on the order of the late Father Beronette than any Catholic priest we know. Father Griffith has instituted a series of lectures for non-Catholics. The Bee would suggest to its readers, no matter what their denomination may be, to go and hear these lectures. In another column of The Bee will be seen full particulars.

MISSION LECTURES FOR NON-CATHOLICS.

We are pleased to announce to all our non-Catholic friends that a course of doctrinal lectures will be given in St. Augustine's Church, Washington, D. C., by the Fathers from the Apostolic Mission House, Sunday, February 17, to Sunday, February 24, 1907.

As these lectures are intended for those not of the fold, no Catholics will be admitted unless accompanied by their non-Catholic friends.

The purpose of these lectures is to make known to our non-Catholic friends what the Catholic Church really believes and teaches and to prove to all earnest-minded souls that the Catholic Church is the one divine savior of the District schools, against teacher who can tell with absolute certainty the entire revelation of God. The doctrines and practices of the Catholic Church will be explained and proved, in all friendliness, and the difficulties of our non-Catholic brethren answered through the Question Box.

We extend a most cordial invitation to all non-Catholics to attend this free lecture course, which we trust will help them in understanding the claim of the Catholic Church to be the divine representative of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Converts are also specially invited.

Respectfully,
Rev. Paul Griffith, Pastor.

Program of Lectures and the Preachers.

Sunday Morning, February 17, 11 A.M.—Opening sermon, Rev. A. P. Doyle. Answering of questions on religious topics every evening before the lecture.

Sunday Night, February 17, at 8 P.M.—Salvation through Christ, Rev. Michael Gallagher, St. Paul, Minn.

Monday night, February 18, at 8 P.M.—Is One Religion as Good as Another? Rev. I. H. Peschges, Winona, Minn.

Tuesday Night, February 19, at 8 P.M.—The Bible and the Church; Rev. S. J. Lang, St. Paul, Minn.

Wednesday Night, February 20, at 8 P.M.—How Can We Get Our Sins Forgiven? Rev. A. P. Doyle.

Thursday Night, February 21, at 8 P.M.—The Lord's Supper; What It Is? Rev. J. H. Peschges, Winona, Minn.

Friday Night, February 22, at 8 P.M.—The Hereafter: What Becomes of Our Dead; Rev. J. H. Lang, St. Paul, Minn.

Saturday Night, February 23, at 8 P.M.—The Merits of Christ and the Sacraments; Rev. A. P. Doyle.

Sunday Morning, February 24 — High Mass; Rev. Michael Gallagher, St. Paul, Minn.

Sunday Night—Why Am I a Catholic? Rev. A. P. Doyle.

THE QUESTION BOX.

Questions deposited in the Question Box at the doors of the Church will be answered the following evening.

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS.

Those desiring to discuss particular questions with the missionary may call at the rectory. The fathers will be pleased to meet them.

We feel confident that the announcement of these lectures will be most gratifying to hundreds of earnest seekers after the truth. The subjects treated are undoubtedly of vital import to everyone who desires to know with certainty the teaching of Jesus Christ.

We know that there are many good and pure souls in outside Christianity who are seeking for spiritual light and yet know not where to find it. They are worried because of the contradictory teaching of their leaders; they are anxious because they have no certainty of the pardon of their

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PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

BY MISS BEATRIZ L. CHASE.

Rev. Sam G. Cross died at Lincolnville, S. C., in his 70th year. At one time he was a student of Howard University.

Mr. W. W. Fisher from Topeka, Kansas, is here on important business.

Mr. Robert H. Johnson, the builder, and owner of the naphtha launch "Relmak," expects to have his vessel on exhibition at Jamestown.

Mrs. Curtis, the wife of Dr. A. M. Curtis, was booked for a lecture at John Wesley A. M. E. Z. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., last Sunday.

Prof. Kelly Miller lectured at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, January 25, after which a banquet was held.

Rev. Geo. W. Lee has been invited to take part in the revival services now being carried on at Baptist Temple Church, New York City.

A verdict of \$57 with interest was rendered against the Real Estate, Deposit and Investment Company in the municipal court in favor of Fortune and Peterson.

Mr. John Folks was called to Ashbury Park to look after the estate of Mrs. A. Brooks, who was found dead at her residence.

Misses Hattie and Rosabelle Sprague accompanied the remains of their father, Mr. Nathaniel Sprague, to Rochester, N. Y.

We hope the press does not feel that Senator Foraker is more troubled by the Presidential bee than by his obligation to stand by the right in the Brownsville affair.

Mr. W. W. Ferguson, who was present at the recent Odd Fellows' reception in this city, was the guest of honor at a reception by members of his lodge at his home, New Bern.

The rate for the round trip to the coming session of the Tuskegee Negro Conference will be on the certificate plan of one and one-third fare plus twenty-five cents.

Rev. M. R. Roscoe of New London, Conn., who was here for a short period has returned North.

Mr. Joseph Douglass will appear in concert February 12 at Bethel A. M. E. Church, New Haven, Conn.

Register Vernon delivered an address last Thursday evening in Quinn Chapel, Chicago.

The letters of Dr. W. M. Davenport in the Star of Zion are very interesting.

We are informed that Mr. J. W. Wheeler, editor of the Palladium, who was hurt in the street car accident, is improving.

Collier's issue, of February 9th, is a Lincoln number. The main features deal with the life and work of the great Abraham Lincoln. The picturesque as well as the political side of the Lincoln-Douglass debate is treated, and some intimate description of Lincoln during the crisis of the civil war.

The Colored World, one of the leading publications of this age, published by Mr. E. A. Shanklin, Columbus, Ohio, begins the publication in chapters of a "Peculiar People," by Mrs. Arabella V. Chase, February 9. Read the World.

The Colored World has aroused the people of Columbus to the point of combining, and they are planning for a monster department store.

Representative Martin B. Madden says he intends to try to secure for the District of Columbia better street service.

Mr. Wm. B. Crowley, superintendent Special Delivery of C. P. O., died last Tuesday.

The Dallas Express speaks in glowing terms of the progress of Dallas, Texas, and admits itself to be greatest Negro paper published in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Horston, of Atlanta, Ga., celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage the 24th of January at their home, 185 W. Mitchell street, Atlanta.

Notwithstanding Alexandria, Va., is along in years, very little besides a small amount of talk has been done about having an exhibit at Jamestown.

Mr. Fred McMillen, a graduate of Atlanta University, who won the Howard scholarship, expects to take up the study of medicine.

Capt. Jas. F. Oyster, a member of the Board of Education, was a member of the jury in a mock court trial at Foundry M. E. Church last Thursday evening.

An increase of from 6 to 25 per cent has been granted the conductors, other trainmen and yardmen of the Southern Railway by the company.

Raymond Meyer, a school boy of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was bitten January 19 by a dog, died of hydrophobia last Wednesday night.

Miss Mary B. Anthony, a devoted sister of the late Miss Susan B. Anthony, died at home last Tuesday in her 80th year.

Representative Murphy's bill to abolish tipping in the District of Columbia is not meeting with much success. To begin with, some people want all for self and others to have nothing—proprietors of hotels, etc., not being able to pay their waiters big wages, are compelled to allow them to accept tips. At it is, wages in the District of Columbia are at the lowest scale.